GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Tribal Welfare Department – Digital Inclusion of Tribals – Giri Seva Kendras – Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives for "Strengthening Last Mile Delivery of Welfare' - Orders - Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (TW.GCC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 131 **Dated: 09-08-2018**

Read:-

Proposal from Director of Tribal Welfare, A.P. dated 07.08.2018

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O R D E R :

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is taking proactive steps in the direction of strengthening Digital Inclusion in the Tribal areas in order to strengthen the delivery of services. The Government is extending broadband connectivity in the tribal areas by establishing Girinet in the Integrated Tribal Development Agencys (ITDAs), through the A.P. State Fibernet Limited & the Tribal Welfare Department proposes to utilize the bandwidth, thus made available, for setting up Giri Seva Kendras (Integrated Digital Service Delivery Centres) in every Gram Panchayat for strengthening the Last Mile Delivery of all welfare schemes. The Tribal Welfare Department is also promoting mobile connectivity through Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and other private sector players in order to improve voice and data connectivity in the Tribal areas.

2. In the above background, Director of Tribal Welfare Department, A.P. has submitted a proposal in the reference read above, for entering into a partnership with M/s. Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI), a not-for-profit grant-making organization, having the mandate of working towards a just, equitable and sustainable society, through supporting, among others, the governments in the areas of governance, welfare, nutrition etc.

3. The Director of Tribal Welfare Department in the reference read above, has brought to the notice of the Government that M/s. Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI), are keen to extend grant support through the A.P. Scheduled Tribes Cooperative Finance Corporation Limited (TRICOR), towards setting up a Technical Support Unit for the aforesaid Giri Seva Kendras(Integrated Digital Service Delivery Centers) in the Tribal areas and towards certain other soft components such as undertaking pilots for incubating innovative solutions to address challenges in last mile service delivery in the tribal areas and has proposed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s. Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI), for the initiative.

4. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Tribal Welfare, hereby approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as appended to this order, and accordingly the Government also hereby accord

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permission to the Director of Tribal Welfare Department and the MD, TRICOR, A.P. to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s. Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI), to collaboratively work towards strengthening of Digital inclusion and Last Mile Service Delivery in the tribal areas.

5. The Director of Tribal Welfare Department, Vijayawada & the Managing Director, A.P. Scheduled Tribes Cooperative Finance Corporation Limited (TRICOR), shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly and furnish a copy of the signed MoU to the Government for record and the progress report from time to time.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. S. RAWAT
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director, Tribal Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
The MD, TRICOR, Vijayawada.
M/s. Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI), No.134, Doddakannelli,
Next to Wipro Corporate Office, Sarjapur Road, Banglaore.

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The P.S. to Secretary to Hon'ble C.M.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (SWE & TWE)
The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government (TW)
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SECTION OFFICER